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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director
Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: David D. Gries

SUBJECT: Credibility on the Hill


1. The Agency has a credibility problem on the Hill. One way to overcome it is to increase the number of one-on-one or one-on-two contacts between our senior officers and Members. As you know, the DCI has already agreed to a series of breakfasts and meetings over drinks to strengthen his own personal relationships with Members.

2. As a complement to his efforts, I recommend that the captioned senior officers make themselves available for a similar series of occasional one-on-one or one-on-two meetings. Members will be chosen from among the eight Committees that we do business with, plus a few other Members who are important to us. Many of these meetings will occur in Members' offices; others will follow the breakfast or cocktails format that we have constructed for the DCI.

3. Since the purpose of the meetings is to promote personal relationships, I recommend against including briefers unless the meeting is scheduled for breakfast at Headquarters. On the other hand, when visiting Members in their offices, it will be useful to have one or two talking points prepared.

4. If you approve, our office will work with your secretary to schedule a few appointments for each of you each month.

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David D. Gries

cc: DCI

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